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CLARA TO LOUISE.

Dear Louise:—
Let us be glad that we are women and are not concerned in politics. Deception is the foundation of politics. When a man is an applicant for a position and declares that he wouldn't have it for double pay, when he encourages you to seek for the same position he wants himself so as to find out your influence; then he is a good politician. On a whole, without handling the truth very carefully, my belief is that you can't be a politician. But it is a very dark path to travel.

When Dr. John R. Francis was on the school board, he pretended, when he was asked, that he could not appoint a lady who sold her position and many things he was asked to do that he claimed could not be done. I intend to ask him, however, Louise, if he at any time shortly asked a lady teacher to resign and allow him to name Mrs. Peters, (nee) Miss Cox, his sister-in-law? Did he also suggest to the lady that he would suggest to the salary or more if she would comply with his request? Did he also say that he had done the same thing and more when he was trustee? Perhaps you can get all the information you want Louise, by applying to the household. Peculiar things happen sometimes and if the doctor will only answer these questions I shall be very much obliged.

Those parents who feel aggrieved at their daughters being ignored as normal school graduates should call a meeting and express their indignation in no uncertain manner. I am of the opinion that the Commissioners would give any petition that is made to them a favorable consideration.

I certainly agree with you when you say that our poor girls have been mistreated and ignored by the school board. What can they hope for, after they have graduated from the normal school? Must a normal school girl be defeated in her aspiration because she has no social or political influence?

A peculiar question was up for discussion in the household a few days ago, which was, is it right for a woman to encourage a man's love if she has no intention of marrying him? I took the ground that a woman can only be true to one person to whom she has given her love and affections.

I shall visit Atlantic City this summer at which place I hope to see you and my dear friend Birdie. Birdie is a dear sweet girl; she is as honest and as pure as the sun. She is one girl in whom the household has the most implicit confidence. She certainly looks out for the interest of Goldie and I know what he thinks of her. She is very impetuous at times, and when she gets angry it is only for a few days and then she becomes gentle and loving.

Passing through the Treasury Department a few days ago, I saw the exalted of the Pilot setting at the Chief Clerk's door. I wanted to know, of course, what he was doing there and to my surprise I was told that he was a messenger. This is a brilliant young man, but his only trouble has been, he had a touch of the "swell head." From a candidate as minister to Hayti, to a messenger in the department, is a great coming down the ladder. Work is honorable no matter what it is and if more of our young men would learn that it is not the position that makes the man, but the man the position, the better it would be for them. Let me hear from you.

Truly yours,
Clara.

HER ROYAL SWEETNESS.

To be called Her Royal Highness is the destiny of every woman born to wear a crown, writes Lady Elizabeth Hilary in *The Ladies' Home Journal*, for March; but it remains for one woman among all the royal families to have the endearing title of Her Royal Sweetness given to her, and that honor belongs to Alexandra, Princess of Wales. She has that marvelous art of making goodness seem attractive; of making the right act the pleasant one and of impressing upon all who

THEY SAY



Nothing succeeds like success. The editor of the B&E is everywhere prepared.

She laments his death and regrets that she did not consummate the marriage.

She would have some time ago, but he knows how to flatter the most fastidious.

Some people think that they know it all.

Iago has always been able to knock out those who get in his way.

When he tackled the B&E about six years ago, he lost his balance.

Some men have a weakness for rascals.

It is a very long lane that has no turn.

Dr. Townsend is a good officer. His friends regret his removal.

Those who think that bulldoze the B&E are greatly mistaken.

A happy pair, Casino and his man Friday Iago.

Prof. Gregory can look the world in the face and defy any one to accuse him of corrupting female teachers.

He will never be accused of being a precursor.

Can his accusers look him in the face and say as much?

Prof. Gregory never was a candidate for the assessorship.

Friends should be honest with each other.

A deceitful man can never succeed.

The best of friends must part sometime.

Especially when they don't tell you the truth.

The truth is hard to tell.

Can Iago tell the truth?

A white woman who marries a Negro man is hard up.

She is generally from a lower element.

Whenever a Negro marries a white woman that moment he places a lower estimate on his own females.

He informs the world that his girls are below par.

The white people will not have them associates and the colored people ought not to contenance them.

She weeps for the death of her lost one.

"She weeps because she weeps in vain."

Prof. Gregory should remove the gambler from the school.

A man who offers a bribe is worse than the man who receives it.

The genial Bill still wears the belt.

The more money a man has the bigger is the office he receives.

The scandal mongers who think that the editor is stuck on his office they are mistaken.

Some people think that they know it all.

Cardinal Wolsy once said, had he served his God as faithfully as he served his king, he would not have been left naked to his enemies.

It is a very bold man who will look in a lady's window or door.

Some men are cheeky enough to do anything.

The "World" Washington correspondent is a wide awake man.

Never give up an old friend for a new one.

D. D., is a common title now.

Every Jackleg who has Rev. prefixed to his name pays some institution a small fee to affix D. D.

The Cadets will become an independent organization.

Murrell's 7,000 turned out to be ninety dollars.

You may do 99 favors for a friend but, if you fail to do the one hundredth you are a bad man.

Honesty is the best policy.

HOW COOK WAS APPOINTED.

B. H. WARNER GETS THE CREDIT—REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS INDORSE HIM.

[From the Sunday Gazette.]

Mr. John F. Cook, who was selected as Mr. B. H. Warner's candidate, for one reason, and on account of his color for another, is a "professional negro," as some people put it, of the Bruce and Douglass stripe, without their oratorical ability, but equally successful as an office getter. He owed his appointment as collector of taxes to his color, and it being determined to appoint one black Republican on the new board, he was selected as the most suitable man of color for the place, overlooking many District colored men who had worked hard for the "Grand Old Party."

It may not surprise many people to know that Mr. Cook secured the written and verbal indorsements of several Democrats, real and alleged, and the statement is made that to this is largely due his selection—a story that may pass muster at the moment.

The following persons recommended Mr. Cook in writing: B. H. Warner, Blanche K. Bruce, John W. Paine, John H. Brooks, E. Francis Riggs, Thomas Hyde, Jas. M. Johnson, W. J. Stephenson, Thomas Somerville, M. J. Adler, Chas. S. Shreve, James B. Nourse, Henry Naylor, Thomas J. Luttrell, and Allen C. Clark.

The following gentlemen endorsed Mr. Cook verbally: Hon. Beriah Wilkins, M. C. Parker, Crosby S. Noyes, C. C. Glover, A. T. Britton, E. Kartz Johnson, and Postmaster Sherwood.

HOW SIGNATURES WERE PROCURED.

A curious fact is related in regard to the manner in which most of Mr. Cook's indorsements were procured. Mr. Warner was warmly in favor of the appointment, and took occasion when the jury commissioners were in session to make a speech urging Mr. Cook's claims for the office. His eloquence prevailed and his fellow commissioners signed the paper which was paraded before Col. Roberts as a sign certain of the esteem in which Mr. Cook was held by the good people, "without respect to party."

AN ATTEMPT TO BOLSTER COOK.

Great importance was attached to the fact that Mr. Thomas J. Luttrell, a former chairman of the District Democratic central committee, had given his written indorsement in favor of Mr. Cook. Just how Mr. Luttrell came to affix his signature to the paper is a mystery to some, since he has been known heretofore as an ardent believer in the appointment of Democrats to office. Although the appointment would have been made without his indorsement, yet it will be a convenient thing to make use of as showing that Mr. Cook is acceptable to "everybody" in the community, where he has grown rich from the salary of office held by him under Republican regimes. Ex-Representative Beriah Wilkins, formerly a Democrat from Ohio, who now represents the Democratic end of the Post, was also cited yesterday as another indorser of Mr. Cook, an additional proof of the latter's standing.

NOT "TOO LATE," "ALTERED" OR "OMITTED."

Mr. Cook, it is said, is the candidate agreed upon by Mr. Warner and other members of the board of trade, and his selection is said to have been made some time since. He was the second man of the fifty candidates to file papers, which included, for lack of other material, the old papers filed by him when

he was an applicant for the office of collector of taxes and justice of the peace.

WHAT IS SAID OF THE SELECTIONS.

While the appointments were freely discussed the other evening there was a strong disposition, except on the part of Mr. Cook's backers, to say nothing "for publication." Not a word was said to the Gazette unfavorable to Messrs. Dawson and Moore, except that a number of Democrats questioned the latter's Democracy. As to Mr. Cook the opinion was freely expressed that his appointment was a blunder and an outrage. It was generally believed that his selection was entirely due to his color and politics and his willingness to serve certain property interest to the best of his ability. The Commissioners it was alleged, following in the footsteps of certain illustrious Presidents, had discovered a sixteenth amendment to the Constitution, requiring a discrimination in favor of colored men in appointments to office. The Commissioners have already appointed two colored men, who unlike Mr. Cook, have done active service in the past—one of them Perry Carson, holding of one end of the colored men who elect delegates to national Republican Conventions, and the other, Calvin Chase, running the other end. Between these two it was supposed that Mr. Harrison would have no trouble in securing the District delegation, but it is said that Cook's appointment makes the thing sure. Mr. Cook, like Messrs. Bruce and Douglass, is very rich, and has "waxed fat," like them, by the receipt of large salaries and shrewd investments thereof.

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163. *Valerius'*